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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Agricultural Marketing Service** 

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Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection for the

Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy

**Products** 

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., Chapter

35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an

extension of a currently approved information collection for the Regulations Governing the

Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products, and the

Certification of Sanitary Design and Fabrication of Equipment Used in the Slaughter, Processing,

and Packaging of Livestock and Poultry Products.

**DATES:** Comments received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF

PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this information

collection document. Comments should be submitted online at www.regulations.gov or sent to

Susan M. Sausville, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Standardization Branch, Room 2746-

South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue., SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-0230; Tel:

(202) 720-9382, Fax: (202) 720-2643 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:susan.sausville@ams.usda.gov">susan.sausville@ams.usda.gov</a>. All comments will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, online at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a> and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during business hours.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan M. Sausville at the above physical address, by telephone (202) 720-9382, or by email at <a href="mailto:susan.sausville@ams.usda.gov">susan.sausville@ams.usda.gov</a>.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

<u>Title</u>: Reporting Requirements Under Regulations Governing the Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products.

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2012.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The regulations governing inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products are contained in 7 CFR Part 58, while the regulations governing the certification of sanitary design and fabrication of equipment used in the slaughter, processing, and packaging of livestock and poultry products are contained in 7 CFR Part 54. In order for a voluntary inspection program to perform satisfactorily, there must be written requirements and rules for both Government and

industry. The information requested is used to identify the product offered for grading; to identify a request from a manufacturer of equipment used in dairy, meat or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction; to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense; and to identify applicants who wish to be authorized for the display of official identification on product packaging materials, equipment, utensils, or on descriptive promotional materials.

*Estimate of Burden*: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .06 hours per response.

*Respondents*: Dairy product manufacturers, dairy equipment fabricators and meat and poultry processing equipment fabricators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400

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Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 15

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 364 hours

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of the information is

necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the

information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of

the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and

assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are

to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to

this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments

will become a matter of public record.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627

Dated: May 22, 2012

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